



Exploring the Certified Currency Plate Proofs:

Treasury or Coin Notes Census Summary

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I would include "Currency" in the quote below:

There is nothing more fascinating than collecting coins, all history is summed up in them...they are the story of humanity.

W.H. Valentine (1856-1927)

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The museum has a program called the Friends of the NNC that provide funds to various digitization and education projects that are a priority for the numismatic community and the department.

If you would like more information about the program you can find it here: <http://americanhistory.si.edu/giving/friends-of-numismatics>

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Overview of the Smithsonian's 2014 "Rapid Capture" digitization program.

The National Numismatic Collection began a pioneering "Rapid Capture" digitization process in October 2014. The project was designed to digitize the certified proof sheets from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing collection. The proofs were transferred to the National Numismatic Collection from the 1960s and 1980s. The scanning process utilized a conveyor belt system with a huge 80 megapixel image camera to capture the items as quickly as possible. The process was much more effective compared to the older way using just a flatbed scanner. The Rapid Capture group photographed around 3,500 sheets daily. It cost less than a dollar a sheet. It was completed in only four and a half months. This project establishes a valuable resource for currency researcher and students.

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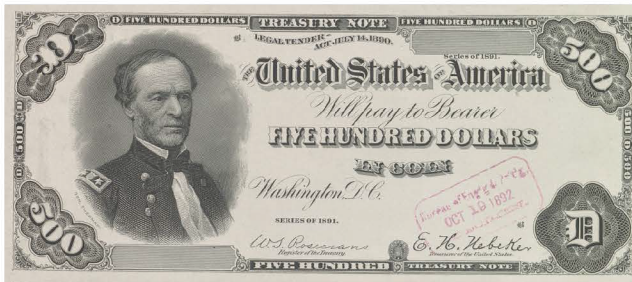
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TREASURY OR COIN NOTE PLATE PROOF CENSUS

Treasury Notes (also known as a Coin Note) were issued as a result of the Legal Tender Act of July 14, 1890. The notes were issued in denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, and 1,000 Dollars in the series of 1890 and 1891. A 500 Dollar proof note with portrait of General Sherman was prepared.

Treasury Notes were issued by the government to those selling silver to the Treasury. Treasury Notes stipulated that they were only redeemable in coin.

FRONT	1890	1891	
\$1	36	228	
\$2	23	85	
\$5	33	101	
\$10	23	31	
\$20	7	12	
\$50	0	1	
\$100	3	2	
\$500	0	1	Proof
\$1,000	5	2	



\$500 Proof



Reverse

REVERSE	1890	1891	
\$1	15	109	Type 1
\$1	0	8	Type 2
\$2	13	39	
\$5	19	41	
\$10	13	15	
\$20	3	6	
\$50	1	2	
\$100	3	1	
\$500	0	1	Proof
\$1,000	2	1	

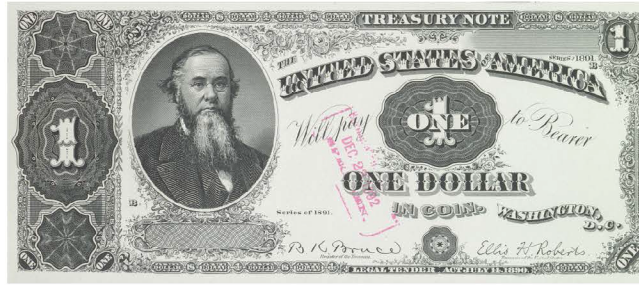


Type 1



Type 2 – Certified in 1899

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\$1



1890



1891



\$2

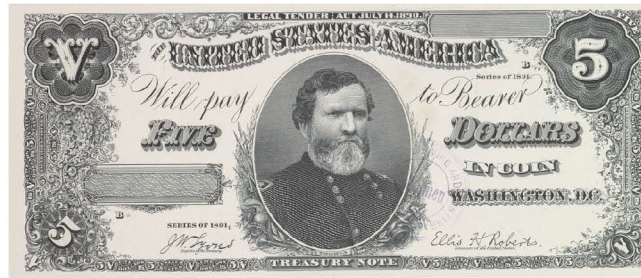


1890



1891

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\$5



1890



1891



\$10



1890



1891

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\$20



1890



1891



\$50



1890



1891

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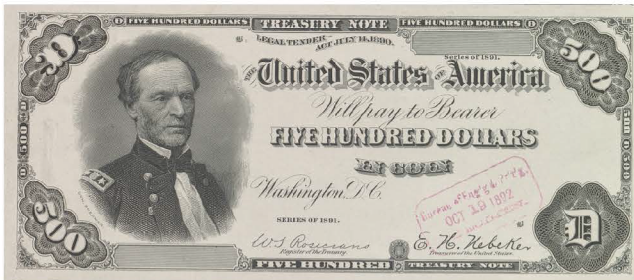
\$100



1890



1891



\$500



1891



\$1,000



1890



1891

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Cuban Silver Certificates
Federal Farm Loan Bonds
Funded Loan of 1881
Funded Loan of 1891 Misc. tints
Loan Act of March 3, 1865
War Bonds 1890s
Civil War Bonds
Panama Canal Loans
Early Food Stamps
Philippines Treasury Certificate Victory Series
Thrift stamps and war savings stamps
Treasury Certificates 1940's-1950's
Treasury Coupon Bonds 1920's-1930's
Treasury Savings Certificates 25 Dollars 1920's
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